Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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Thank you for the opportunity to express my experience with the EZ IO insertion tool. As a Trauma/Resuscitation Clinical Educator at one the largest children's hospitals in Eastern Canada, I have found the use of the intraosseous insertion device as a life-saving piece of equipment, in many situations where time is of the essence, where the critical nature of the child's injuries or illness preclude them from receiving successful peripheral vascular access (ie hypotension from septic shock), and where the stress level of the resuscitation team is maxed out. Unlike adult emergency care, pediatrics takes on a life of its' own - often because the practitioners are unable to 'practice' the procedures, and the multidisciplinary communication skills that are required in complex pediatric cases - why? Because luckily, and gratefully, children tend to suffer far less heart attacks, car accidents and work related injuries compared to adults. The unfortunate aftermath, is that often the most skilled team members feel less than comfortable in their role. Once the airway/breathing is established, the priority of care is ALWAYS to secure vascular access - for obvious reasons. The sicker or more injured the child, the more difficult that becomes - In our facility, The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, reaches much more quickly now for the EZ IO - wasting no time on attemping pointless peripheral IVs and searching for central line equipment that takes far too long to gather, and insert. There are many grateful families, and just as many grateful RNs and Physicians, who have been on the receiving end of successful and very timely intraosseous insertion. Dale Dalgleish. RN, BHScN